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SOCIETY AS A MAKER OF VALUES. The social value of many other things far exceeds the social value of land. That is, more value, for example, is given by social forces to the clothes man wears than to the land he lives on. But one's clothes go untaxed.

The artistic pair of shoes that the elegantly dressed woman wears, and the stunning widow hat, have no value beyond that given them by fashion, which is simply a product of society. But they cost great money; nor can they be made and sold for less.

So of all our furniture and all our cial product. The value of any artistic thing which man produces is just as much determined by society as the land values of our farmers; fo the skill and knowledge of all craftsmanship is an elaborated social product taught by society. And the same society protects the man while he works, assists him by an elaborate organization of markets to get materials, tools and a work-place, and then provides a market in the form of persons who, to meet the demands which so cial conditions require, take the goods and pay for them. The system creates the factories and the machinery;-the whole thing is a social product. But all this is to be exempt from taxation by our theorists, and the whole burden is to be thrown on land alone; whose values, however, in fact, have been created in less degree by social forces than these other values which are to be free from all taxation.

In Oregon once there were no private landowners. Pioneers are yet living who found the land possessed in common, so far as it was possessed at all by the native races. These races had made no progress, in thousands of years. Private ownership and private use of land was the first necessary step to civilization. No results could have been reached without it. Nor is it conceivable that any civilization could be maintained without it.

verywhere is a social product. also is some part of the value of cattle -and on the whole a larger part. So likewise of our steamboats on the rivors, and of our railroads. Their value, product. For land, without these various adjuncts, had some value. Our ploneers were able to get their livelihood out of it. But why should land bear all the burdens, allowing values created wholly by the progress of society and ministering far more to luxury than land can to its owners in gendebate. Society cannot be broken up into its units. It is a whole. If it is a maker of land values, so it is a maker of all other values, in a civilized

If you eliminate the values created by society, the residual property will be extremely small. Value is given to land by clearing, breaking up, draining, prolonged culture, making roads, constituting nearly all its value in the country districts; and in the city, costly buildings, water supply, street paving, piping for all purposes, payment of taxes for municipal needs of every description, pouring money into harbor improvements and country highways for convenience and accom modation of the whole country, as well of the city,-all these things and many more have created the values. to no remuneration? If we have seen have we seen them increase in all the farm and timber districts of Oregon.

tempts to separate what he calls social have regarding any other port to to be stubborn things, and the Amerivalue from natural value, for the purpose of taxing the former and exempting the latter, nurses a merely chimerical enterprise. Value is value; and the constitution and laws of Oregon provide that all property values shall be taxed at their actual worth. Can there be any better rule than the rule of equality and fairness?

IT SHOULD PLEASE, IN OREGON Among the special reports from

Washington telegraphed to The Oregonian yesterday was this statement, to wit:

Friends of the President, however, who usually know his views, declare he is unalterably opposed to the nomination of Governor Hughes on the ticket with Mr. Taft. These friends probably reflect the President's opinions when they say Mr. Hughes would be all right as Vice-President, but if any accident, were to occur and he were to become President, it would be another case of Andrew Johnson. The Republican party would be wrecked by having as its official head a man whe does not believe in the party system nur know nor care how to maintain the organization. If this is Mr. Roossvelt's opinion, as it doubtless is, despite what he says about his intention to keep hands off the Vice-Presidency, it may be regarded as quite probable some other man than Mr. Hughes will be put on the ticket with Mr. Taft.

It is known that President Roosevelt It is known that President Roosevelt

is not favorable to Governor Hughes for the Presidency; but the sufficient reason is that he is an earnest supporter of Secretary Taft; and when Mr. Roosevelt enters upon any course of action he does not suffer himself to be checked by doubts, hesitations or

That Mr. Hughes is not a good machine politician is certainly true. The 'managers" can't "depend" on him Probably he is less strenuous for party, as party, than Mr. Taft. Yet he has acted consistently with the Republican party at all times. As a public official, however, he is not reckoned a good party-builder.

should, nevertheless, be very opular in Oregon-if the above estimate of him is the true one; for Republicans of Oregon appear to desire, above all things, to have for the "offi-cial head" of their party a man who does not believe in the party system, nor know nor care how to maintain the organization.

Perhaps this is one reason-the one great reason-why opposition appears to instruction of the Oregon delegates for Taft. Opposition to all organizaton and to all party authority is the logic of the Republican situation in Oregon. Any Republican organization is "a machine," and "the knife" is the remedy, as government, in Russia and Turkey, is despotism, tempered by assassination.

STILL IN THE LEAD.

Building permits for the first week May are running well ahead of those for the corresponding dates last year. There is less business in large office structures than there was a year ago, but the demand for dwellinghouses holds up remarkably well. That Portland is in much better condition than her rivals, north or south, is quite clearly shown in the building statistics for the month of April. Los Angeles reported 539 permits of a total valuaion of \$664.950. Seattle had a slight lead over the southern city, with permits valued at \$705,875, while Portland was at the head of the list with 575 permits valued at \$977,760. Perhaps the most interesting feature of these statistics is the increased valuation of the Portland buildings over

those of the other two cities. The average cost of the 1123 buildings for which permits were issued in Seattle in April was but \$628. In Los Angeles the average was \$1233, while at Portland, with no large office building included, the average was \$1700. The scarcity of permits for large office the rest of the world it might be a equipage. The greater part of their structures is, of course, in part due to general business depression that is in evidence everywhere, but is more largely due to the fact that there was an extraordinary amount of work on the larger class of buildings late last year, and with completion of these buildings a vigorous demand for office and store rooms will be partially satisfied. Last year the value of the per-mits for business structures, hotels and lodging-houses was far out of proportion to that for dwellings.

This year to date there has been tendency to equalize matters by building more dwellings and going slower on the other class of buildings. But the work on hand in the architects' offices includes a considerable number of business structures, which will materially aid in bringing the figures well up toward those of last year. Very few dwellings are being constructed for renting purposes, and when people are constantly building for their own use, as the Portlanders have been doing for the past two years, and there are still no vacant houses of consequence, it is an easily understood fact that we are receiving constant and heavy additions to our population.

EXPENSIVE DISCRIMINATION

The latest excuse put forward by the United States Quartermaster's Department as a reason for not sending transports to this city is that there is Some part of the value of land insufficient water for the transports. This reason was probably suggested by the contention made by the Navy Department, which, by a line of reasoning all its own, decided that a battle ship drawing twenty-four feet required far more than that of land, is a social more water than a tramp steamer information it contains is supplied and drawing twenty-six feet. Through refusal of the Government to send the ship the freight by rail to Seattle, where the Crook is to proceed from San Francisco. The injustice of the eral, be exempt? It is too foolish for allegation that there is insufficient water in the Columbia River for the Crook, or for any other vessel in the ransport service, is shown by the fact that in 1907 there were loaded at Portland eighty-one steamships of greater size than the Crook. Many of them were from forty to fifty feet onger, and had fully two feet greater draft than the Crook, while the carrying capacity of some of them was 2000 ons greater than that of the Crook.

the Quartermaster's Department are a German tariff agreement has enabled far more serious matter than the slight put upon Portland by the Navy Department. The parlor navigators who the same period before the agreement are averse to permitting a local pilot to take a twenty-four-foot battleship over a bar which shows a channel depth of thirty-five feet at mean high water almost invariably lack the skill Legitimately earned money put in and experience of the men in charge year by year has done it. The spirit of the transports. The transport men of legitimate enterprise-is it entitled are recruited from the ranks of navigators of the class that brings the big land values increase in Portland, so tramp steamers to Portland, and instruments, bullders' hardware, saws, would, if permitted, have no more hesitancy about bringing the trans-

which they might be ordered.

Where Portland is damaged by this discrimination is in her inability to orts favored by the Quartermaster's Department. The steamboat which the Government has ordered shipped to Seattle by rail for trans-shipment on the Crook was constructed at Portland at a lower cost than it could be scured elsewhere, but in future blds owance for the extra cost of rall shipment, and this additional cost may be sufficient to turn the business away from the port, in which case both Portland and the Government will be In the Philippines, Portland is easily the cheapest and best market on the this city more hay, oats and other forage than are easily available for any were it not for the studied discrimination of the Quartermaster's Department, practically all of the business would be handled from here.

Another feature of the service that has been costly to the Government and unfair to Portland is the landing of Vancouver Barracks troops at San Francisco and their dispatch for the Philippines from that port. This, of course, makes business for San Franbut it costs the Government many thousands more than it would to handle the business direct through Portland.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL. All things are relative. An interval f time is long or short, not in itself, but in the mind of the observer. The period of fifty years during which Temple Beth Israel has existed and wrought its beneficent work in Portand constitutes a large section of our local history, but in the long story of the Jewish race it is but a moment. When the congregation of the Temple Beth Israel was founded, half a century ago, Portland was little more than a country village and Oregon a state whose population had scarcely begun to develop its resources. When this powerful Jewish congregation shall celebrate its thousandth anniversary, what will be the population of Portland? What place will Oregon hold in the galaxy of states?

A thousand years is a long way to look ahead, but not very long either, compared with the past of the Jews. A people which has come down the ages as far as they have, and through such vicissitudes of fortune, may well hope to flourish as long as there are human beings on the face of the earth. The oldest among the religions of civilized men, the worship of Jehovah may well hope to survive all others, unless indeed long before the sounding of the final trumpet our present creeds and sects shall have been merged in some greater faith broad

enough to include every truth. The hundreds of centuries during thich the Jews have preserved their religion, their laws and their peculiar customs essentially unaltered seem to prophesy that they will always dwell apart from other races. Perhaps they will never mingle with allen blood and lose themselves as the Celtic and the South European elements in our nationality are doing. But perhaps on the other hand, the Jews may some time resign their exclusiveness and with it their separate racial life. With the passing of the conditions which have emphasized their separateness and often compelled it they may gradually mingle with other strains and disappear as a distinct people. For the Jews themselves this would probably be a desirable consummation. For serious loss. The Jews stand for a , and ideals are not so plentiful that we can afford to lose one of the best of them.

FACTS VERSUS FICTION.

"When the German tariff agreement went into effect, July 1, 1907, American labor was fully employed, American markets were crowding American mills, imports and exports were large and increasing, transportation facilities were inadequate for the demands of business, and additional facilities for increasing business were projected everywhere." In such glowing language the American Economist (Humorist) recalls last year's conditions, and then, with a "look-upon-this-picture-and-then-on-this." proceeds:

Four months later capital was in hiding, banks had suspended, fear had taken possession of the American people, and the United States was in the throes of a great panic. Four months later still two-thirds of the American factories and mines were either idle or on short time; 200,000 idle workers had returned to Europe; 300,000 empty freightears were standing idle upon completed American railroads, and projected facilities for increasing business were abandoned. The German tariff agreement had re-vised the American tariff downward, by making the undervaluation of German prolucts convenient.

The Economist has a well-earned and well-deserved reputation of being the official organ of the trusts, and its croakings may accordingly be regarded as "official" from the trust standpoint. Unfortunately for the veracity of the Economist, there is another "of-Government printing office at Washington. It appears monthly, and the compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Latransport Crook to this city for a bor. Advance sheets of the May issue, "knockdown" steamboat built at a received yesterday, show that for the Portland yard, it becomes necessary to nine months ending March 31, 1908, the value of the exports from this country to Germany was \$232,093.812. compared with \$207,235,822 for the same period in the preceding season, when, according to the "Humorist," "exports and imports were increasing,"

Meanwhile Germany, under the iniquitous tariff agreement, which became effective July 1, 1907, exported to the United States, in the nine months ending March 31, 1908, goods to the amount of \$113,036,976, com-pared with \$122,749,751 for the corresponding period in the season The injustice and discrimination of 1906-07. In other words, this awful us to export \$25,000,000 worth more goods to Germany than we exported in became effective, and we spent nearly \$10,000,000 less for German goods than during the same period in the season preceding enactment of the

This big increase in exports included increases in agricultural implements, clocks, watches, automobiles, cotton cloths and wearing apparel, scientific tools, sewing machines, boots and shoes, and a large number of other But the truth is that he who at- ports to Portland than they would manufactured articles. Facts are said Japan.

can Humorist would display a higher regard for the intelligence of its read ers, if it would make use of a few in supply goods in competition with the lieu of such wild statements as it is putting forth in an effort to bolster up the tottering cause of "standpatism.

Six thousand woodworkers in the Clyde shipyards were locked out last week, and there is a movement under way to extend the lockout throughout which may be submitted it will be all departments of shipbuilding in the necessary for the bidder to make al- United Kingdom. Unless there is a change in the situation, more than 250,000 men will be affected. The lockout was the result of a strike against reduction of wages, and reduction of wages was caused by the low oser. For all commodities required freights and poor market for shipping property throughout the world. With tramp steamers obliged to steam from Pacific Coast. There are tributary to 3000 to 10,000 miles in ballast, and with sallers laid up in idleness in every big port on earth, it requires a reother port on the Pacific Coast, and, markable combination of low wages and low prices to keep the foreign shipyards working. The trouble is simply the natural working out of the law of supply and demand, and with the laborer, as with the shipbuilder, it is a case of small remuneration or the alternative of no remuneration.

Perhaps, after all, the brickbats which the Vancouver (B. C.) hoodlums threw at the Hindus were not thrown in vain, and a reward may be due the men who made the rumpus The outrage disclosed the fact that the laws of British Columbia were inadequate to protect the Hindus. Now comes Canadian Deputy Minister of Labor Mackenzie King with a report from England which provides a way for excluding the objectionable Britsh citizens. Mr. King has discovered that under the "India act" no native of India can leave under contract to labor in any foreign country which is not on a list of countries that have made laws such as the Indian government considers are adequate for the protection of the Hindus. Now if some one will only scratch the name of the United States from the list affected by the India law we shall be saved much trouble and the Hindus some humiliaion and possibly something worse,

The Argentine shipments this week, for the first time since the season opened, fell below 2,000,000 bushels and Australian-shipments were also light. Partly through this influence and partly an account of unfavorable crop reports at home, the Chicago market shot up with a rush yesterday. Whatever portion of the 3-cent advance in the market could be traced to the small Argentine shipments night well be credited to sentiment for there is hardly any man in touch with the wheat market who could not predict almost to a certainty that a heavy falling off in Argentine shipments was overdue. The crop of the southern land has been fairly accurately estimated by a number of leading authorities, and the most liberal stimates did not allow for the continued shipping of such enormous amounts as have been pouring out of Buenos Ayres, Rosario and other Argentine ports since early in January.

The big diamond in the spotless shirt front of Bunko Bill, the twentieth-century successor of Robin Hood and other hold-up artists of the longdeparted past, is his chief asset. It sheds rays of prosperity which dazzle the eyes of the Reubens with whom he would do business, and, in probably ninety-nine cases out of one hundred it utterly fails to represent the actual financial condition of the owner. the diamond in commerce performs an entirely different function, and as a commercial barometer it is invaluable, for when times are hard no demand for the sparklers, but when they improve the demand at once picks up. For this reason it is pleasing to note that the imports of the precious stones at New York in April were valued at \$493.052, compared with \$389,514 in March and \$200,443 in February.

Every friend of the University of Oregon will rejoice in the statement that the City Council of Eugene has signed a contract for the construction of a gravity system that will supply the city with pure water. The source of the supply has not yet been settled upon, but preliminary surveys looking to this end will begin next Monday. The statement is accompanied by the assurance that a first-class water system will be secured through the enterprise thus undertaken. This means that neither citizens of Eugene nor students of the university will hereafter be compelled to drink bolled water as a safeguard against typhoid fever.

The greater part of the electors who are to pass on the initiative or referendum measures now submitted to them for their decision will vote without any real knowledge of the various propositions. Few will even read them, but will vote at hazard, without serious thought of consequences. Such a mass of stuff fatigues the attention of the electors. Much of it is incomficial" publication issued from the prehensible, even to its authors, who are taking the opportunity to exploit fads and follies which never could get through any legislative body where there was chance to examine and expose them.

Unquestionably the Democratic convention of Oregon will instruct for Bryan. Democrats of the state want no bargain or dicker for their votes in the Denver convention. Likewise Republicans of Oregon are for Taft, and they would do well to instruct for him, if they would not have their votes thrown as white chips into some gambling pool at Chicago.

Brother Paget didn't like it because whisky house was distributing its advertisements among the preachers and laymen at the Baltimore conference. Yet it looks to us as if the good brother had saved that ad from being an arid fallure.

Whatever happens, Mr. John Calhoun Young will have on hand a lot of valuable experiences from which to hand out a lot of choice I-told-you-so observations a little later.

Of course Mayor Lane won't apole gize for his mistaken remarks about City Attorney Kavanaugh. - It's a little late in this administration to set that sort of precedent.

Captain Hobson still appears to be doing most of the country's worrying over the imminence of war with

CRUISING TILLAMOOK TIMBER BOURNE FORCES WILL FIGHT

gation

Sixty Men and 12 Teams Start on Clackamas Republican Convention Work of Estimating.

FOREST GROVE, May & .- (Special.) Sixty expert timber cruisers, with 12 teams, left here yesterday morning for Tillamook County to cruise the limber lands of that county that the Assessor may be able to reach a more equitable assessment of the timbered districts. At a recent meeting of the Tillamook Board of County Commissioners, the contract for performing this work was awarded to Charles J. Clement, of Portland. His bid was the owest and was seven cents per acre. while the next lowest bid was ten conts and on the entire job the Clement bid

was more than \$13,000 less than the next lowest bidder, The contract calls for a cruise, estimates and reports on all the lands in the county. The report is to be inspected by examiners appointed by the County Court and if the estimates of the latter agrees with that of the crulsers, within 10 per cent, the report of the cruisers shall be deemed to be correct. With the conclusion of this cruise the County Court expects to have an elephant off its hands and to bring satisfaction to all timber owners in the county.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

Thomas S. Lebow, Lane County Pioneer.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 8 .- (Spe cial.)-Thomas S. Lebow, one of Lane County's old and highly-respected ploneers, died in this city Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Por-ter, at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Lebow crossed the plains from Missour to California in 1849. In 1852 he came to Oregon and located the Lebow donation land claim, on Mosby Creek, where he had since resided. In 1856 he married Miss Hanna Shields, whom he s " little over a year. He leaves t a little over a year. He leaves two sons and two daughters, James and Marion Lebow, and Mrs. James Porter and Mrs. Dan Brumbaugh, all of this vicinity.

Mrs. James H. Story.

MONTESANO, Wash., May 8 .- (Special.)—Mrs. James H. Story, of the Up-per Satsop, died yesterday morning, of typhoid pneumonia. Mrs. Story, who was May P. Stocking, was born at Grat-ton, Mich., and spent her early life there, afterwards removing to . There she was married to Mr They came to Chehalls County Dakota. Story. some ten years ago. Mrs. Story leaves a husband and seven children.

FEED PRICES GO SKYWARD

SEATTLE, May 8.—On a complaint filed by Romano, proprietor of the American Automobile Machine Works, Prosecuting Shortage in Millstuffs and Hay on Attorney Kenneth Mackintesh, this morning issued a warrant for the arrest of C. Bolcom, a prominent Seattle man, now Sound. C. Bolcom, a prominent Seattle man, now living in San Francisco. The charge is obtaining money under false pretenses and the amount involved is \$2550. C. C. Bolcom is a brother of W. M. Bolcom, head of the Bolcom Mills, inc., of Ballard. Harry Bolcom is another brother. All three of the Bolcom brothers.

TACOMA, Wash., May 8 .- (Special.)-Strong demand and high prices are the features in the hay and grain market. Lately there have come to the local dealers inquiries from the East for large lots of oats. One concern had a letter inquiring as to prices on a lot of 200 tons of oats. Tacoma dealers are receiving heavy calls from San Fran-cisco for mill feed and for grain and hay, but the mills of Puget Sound are not producing heavily of bran and furnished by Romano, the complainant, and then deeded the property to his brother, William M. Bolcom, one of the best-known lumbermen of the Pacific shorts for the reason they are not grinding flour for export at the present ime, but are running light, and some of the mills are closing down for the

This combination of a short supply with the heavy California demakes prices firm at high figures, being quoted at \$25.50 and shorts \$27.50 in carload lots of 12 tons or more

HARMONY EXISTS IN MARION

No Disposition on Part of Candidates to Knife Each Other.

SALEM, Or., May 8.-(Special.)-That there will be no kniffing of the Repubcan legislative ticket in this county was mony and good feeling which pervaded the meeting of county candidates tonight. All candidates for county offices met and made general plans for the cam

Of the five legislative candidates three are Statement No. I men and two were signers of a Republican voters' choice pledge. While the primary campaign was a vigorous one, no bitterness or ill feeling was engendered. All the legisla-tive candidates are personal friends. The Democrats, however, have two candidates for the Legislature in the field and expect to have three more, all signers of Statement No. 1.

GIVES CLEAR, FORCEFUL TALK

Cake Speaks at Riddle and Canyonville to Many People

RIDDLE, Or., May 8.—(Special.)— Judge G. W. Riddle, son of the first settler of this valley, introduced H. M. Cake tonight. Judge Riddle expressed pleasure in Mr. Cake's visit, but de-clared it useless. "Mr. Cake will get the inanimous Republican vote of this section, even if he hadn't visited us," h said. The hall where speaking was held was filled, people from miles around at tending. Mr. Cake made a clear, forcible address, refraining from personalities. The audience, however, laughed when told of the claims of Democratic candidates. He arrived here this afternoon and drove to Canyonville, where he spoke o'clock. A large audience greeted him there.

GETS LETTER FOR HIS YELLING

Arthur Van Dusen, Varsity Yell-Master, Decorated by Council.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene Or., May 8.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Athletic Council Arthur Van Dusen, '19, varsity yell leader for 1907-98, was today awarded the official athletic for his efficient services while actin his capacity during the late footbal season. Van Dusen is one of the most popular men in college and in addition to being yell leader, has been the principal stunster on the varsity giee club for the past two years. He is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Salem Gets a Cleaning.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—This was "cleanup" day in Salem and from reports that have been turned in by teamsters it is evident that the occasion was a great success. All over town peo-ple cleaned up their premises and set the refuse out on the street in boxes or barrels and volunteer teamsters cam and hauled the receptacles away. The The public schools were dismissed at noon and the children joined in the work. The day was set apart by Mayor Rodgers as a "cleanup" day.

Aphis Injures Peach Crop.

PENDLETON, Or., May 8.—(Special.)
-According to John S. Vinton, of Freewater, half the peach crop in the north-ern part of the county has been de-stroyed by aphis. Heretofore the aphis stroyed by aprils. Heretolore the aprils has been content with attacking the leaves of the trees. This year, the blossom was attacked and the fruit destroyed. While the loss will be heavy, it will be partially compensated for by the finer quality of the fruit.

POTPOURRI

Judge Livy Stipp, chairman of the Re-

had in four years. The only purpose

of this convention is to choose 11 dele-

gates to attend the state convention at

Bourne and ani-Bourne delegates to the county convention will mix it up in a sharp contest for personnel of the dele-

Christian Schuebel, who is Senator

Bourne's chief lieutenant in Clackamas

County, will endeavor to secure the elec-tion of 11 men who will favor the se-lection of an uninstructed delegation to the Chicago convention, but the anti-

Bourne people are believed to be in the

majority and it is considered improbable that the Clackamas County delegation will be for the Junior Senator, though

some of his friends may be sent to Port

land. State Committeeman C. G. Hunt

eight delegates to represent Oregon a

C. F. Swigert Invests in Rogue River

Valley Properties.

GRANTS PASS Or., May 8 .- (Spe

cial.)—Charles F. Swigert, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Port-land, has just closed a deal in which

he takes over numerous properties in this county, consisting of the Silsby sawmill and several tracts of timber.

For the Silsby holdings he paid \$45,-600. His trip also included the buying

of the Andrew box factory, at Glen dale. He also made pointed inquiries about the route for an electric road from

Swigert is already closely identified with the electric lines in the Willamette

Valley, his touching upon this subject had a decided impression on the busi-ness interests here. He said that steam

power would be preferable to electric on a road to Crescent City, owing to

the freight revenue from hauling heavy

logs and timber, copper matte and other minerals, which would require

ACCUSES BIG LUMBERMEN

Eugene Romano Says C. C. Bolcom

Misappropriated \$2550.

are well known in lumber manufacturing

circles.

The direct charge against C. C. Bolcor

is that he purchased two lots with mone

ACCUSES HIS HALF BROTHER

Tramp Says Mace Smith Killed

SPOKANE May 8 .- A special to the

Chronicle from Pasco, Wash. says:
"Berto Watson, one of the tramps held on suspicion of killing Brakeman Sam Price by throwing him from a moving train, has confessed that his

balf-brother, Mace Smith, pushed Price

off the car. "Smith is in custody but denies the

ELECTRIC LINE A CERTAINTY

Dr. H. W. Coe Makes the Announce-

ment at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., May 8.—(Special.)

-Doctor H. W. Coe, of Portland, announced today that the proposed elec-

tric road from this city down through

the irrigated section of the county to the Columbia River is a certainty. He says his engineer will be here in a day

or two to begin the work of surveying

Dispose of Liquor Cases

OREGON CITY, Or., May 8 .- (Special.)

-The cases against James Jesse and H. K. Tackleson, charged with selling liquor to minors, will probably be disposed of tomorrow or Monday, as Judge McBride

will adjourn Court here, so as to be at St. Helens Tuesday morning. The two men were embrolled in the arrests that

were made at Canby following the tragic death of young Charles Kinzel last Fall

Jesse was convicted and given a jail ser

tence and fine, but execution of the sen tence has been hanging fire, pending a motion for a new trial. In the Tackleson

case the jury disagreed. The people of Canby have united in a petition to have

Lease Sandstone Deposits

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—R. G. and W. T. Eodley, of Portland, have leased 300 acres at Comstock, Douglas County, 12 miles south of this city, from J. A. Griggs, for \$18,000, for a term of 20 years. The property has been used as a farm and stock ranch, but has large densities of sandstone and

but has large deposits of sandstone, and there are traces of coal. It is announced that the first development work will be

Hadley to Leave Supreme Court.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 8 .- Chief ustice Hiram E. Hadley announced to

personal and political friends here last

night that he would not seek re-election to the Supreme Bench this Autumn

Judge Hadley was appointed to the Su-preme Bench in 1891, and has held the office continuously since. He will re-

sume practice here on the expiration of

Arguments for Lower Fare.

arguments in the case of the Portland Rallway, Light & Power Company

against the Oregon Railroad Commis sion, involving the question of a 5-cent reduction in fares on the Milwaukie line, were begun before Judge Galloway

today and will be concluded tomorrow

Test Tax Board's Order.

TACOMA. May 8.-Tacoma Clearing-

House Association and the Chamber of Commerce have employed attorneys to test the order of the State Board of Tax

Commissioners instructing Assessors to assess moneys, credits and mortgages.

Another Body From Kelton.

NEWPORT, Or., May 8 .- Another body

from the lost crew of the steamer Kelton came ashore 20 miles north of here yester-day afternoon. It has not yet been iden-

Suit will begin at once.

SALEM, Or., May 8 .- (Special.) -The

in getting out the sandstone,

Jesse paroled, as he has a family.

the right-of-way.

Brakeman Price.

heavy power.

Northwest.

Grants Pass to Ashland and as

Portland, but it is in the air that

BY NANCY LEE. Promises to Be Stormy. When a woman won't, she won't; but OREGON CITY, Or., May 8 .- (Spewhen she can't, she cries,

cial.)-Promptly at 1 o'clock tomorrow A real baseball enthusiast would publican county central committee, will rather hear the stentorian command, call to order the first Republican county "Play ball!" than the final, "Well done, convention that Clackamas County has thou good and faithful servant."

A cad is a parody on a man.

Since the new rule of boarding cars on the left side of the street has been inaugurated by the Portland Street Railway Company, 'tis well to bear in mind that if on the left you're right, if on the right you're left.

Same Old Girl. Anna's gone to Italy. Helie's gone there too. Now if they should stay there, What would the papers do?

In Rome as the Romans do. When old Jay's money is sunk, Why, Helie could grind the organ Chicago, and no matter what the makeup of the county delegation Mr. Huntley will, no doubt, receive their support. And Anna could still be the monk

. . . Those who walk in the narrow way SECURES JOSEPHINE HOLDINGS are never crowded.

It was at a political meeting and rival candidates for Sheriff were billed for speeches. The first, toward the conclusion of his remarks, said with pumped-up sentiment, "A lasting impression was made on my mind when I left home at an early age. My dear old mother, throwing her arms around my neck and bidding me an affectionate adleu, sald, 'My son, always be truthful and honest."

His opponent, an Irishman, then arose and finished his stirring speech, thus: "Sure, I, too, lift home at an early age, and whin me mither bid me an affictionate good-bye, she didn't say, 'Me son, always be honest and truthful.' Begory, she didn't have to."

The Better Part. To rest without a tremor

In the breast Of discontent or weariness; To rest Without a faint reminder

The fret, the sharp regret Of common life; To rest in blest communion On the heart

Of one whom serving is The better part-This is to love.

Of the strife.

To love without a question Or a thought; To gather all the blessings Love has brought, With thankful heart; to guard The happiness,

More than our own, of one We long to bless: To follow in the footsteps Love has made,

Of none suspicious, of none afraid-This is to rest.

Unmusical.

Irate father-Anna, for heaven's sake! that's the worst music I ever heard. Give us a rest! Anna-Can't do it, pa; there ain't

one in the music. "To the pure all things are pure"

until they read the Food Commission reports.

The guests at the party had become bored, when a foggy-brained Englishman arose, declaring that he would give a prize to the person making the of young and old became ludicrously contorted. Glancing about the room the Englishman presented the trophy to the tall, angular woman; whereupon she returned it, naively declaring. 'Why, I wasn't playing."

A story is now current to the effect that Moses Ikenstein had occasion to consult a physician. Going into the reception-room, he found it filled with patients. After a long wait, he inquired of the man seated next what the doctor's charges were, and was told twenty dollars for the first consultation and five dollars for each succeeding visit. At this moment the doctor entered and Mr. Ikenstein, rushing shead of all other patients, said effusively, extending his hand, "Vell, doctor, here I am again."

LEAVES \$10,000 TO CHARITY

V. H. Caldwell, Linn Pioneer, Provides for Orphans in Will

ALBANY, Or., May 8 .- (Special.) -- Ter. thousand dollars is given to charity by the will of V. H. Caldwell, a well-known Linn County pioneer who died recently at his home near Albany. The will was filed for probate here this afternoon and George W. Caldwell, a Portland attorney, and William Caldwell, of Albany, are named as executors. The two executors are made trustees of the fund for charity and authorized to expend it as they see fit, the only provision being that they shall devote it to the use of orphans if possible. The estate is valued at about \$70,000. There are 14 children, but the bulk of the estate is left to Mary S. Kantz, George W. Caldwell, Andrew J. Caldwell, Nellie A. Hughes, William Caldwell, Martin M. Marsh and Sarah F. Caldwell. None of the other children re-ceive more than \$500 each, and a report is current that the will is to be contested

Want No Single Tax.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 8.-(Special.)—The establishment of a single tax system in Oregon is unalterably opposed by the members of the Washington County Pomona Grange, which, at a recent meeting, passed resolutions demning the measure. The text of the resolution follows:

resolution follows:

Whereas, There is a measure to be veted upon at the coming election in June, looking to the establishment of the single tax system by exempting a large amount of property from taxation, will inevitably increase the burden upon farm property.

Therefore, Be it resolved by Washington County Pomona Grange, representing a large number of property owners and tax payers of Washington County, that we are unalterably opposed to any proposition looking to the exemption of any form of property from the payment of its just, reasonable share of taxation.

Will Sue Columbia's Owners.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 8-(Special.)—Emilio Silvo, an Italian, has made application to the Superlor Court to be appointed administrator of his wife's estate. Silvo lost his wife and children in the steamer Columbia disaster and has brought a damage suit in a Cali-fornia court. He is a resident of Aberdeen. The application is a necessary part of the proceedings.